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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PDEV RH US UK  
SUBJ: RHODESIA: GRAHAM-LOW CONVERSATION WITH  
MARK CHONA

1. GRAHAM AND I HAD A GENERAL AND FRIENDLY CONVERSATION WITH  
MARK CHONA FRIDAY EVENING. MUCH OF IT WAS EXCHANGING IMPRESSIONS  
OF THE SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA. ON RHODESIA WE IMPRESSED ON  
CHONA THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING ABLE TO GET STARTED WITH THE  
COMMITTEE LEVEL MEETINGS WHICH PRESIDENT KAUNDA HAD URGED US  
TO UNDERTAKE. WE EXPLAINED TO HIM THAT THE PF/ZAPU GROUP WITH  
WHOM WE HAD MET WERE RESISTING ENGAGING IN FORMAL OR INFORMAL  
DISCUSSIONS OF SUBSTANCE PRIOR TO AGREEMENT BY THE SALISBURY  
GROUP TO COME TO AN ALL PARTIES MEETING. CONA SAID HE UNDER-  
STOOD AND AGREED WITH OUR POSITION AND WOULD TAKE IT UP WITH  
ZAPU. HE ASKED ABOUT OTHER, SUBSTANTIVE, AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT.  
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WE MENTIONED THE POLICE AND THE PF INSISTENCE ON DOMINATING  
THE GOVERNING COUNCIL, BUT SAID THESE WERE SUBJECTS WE WOULD  
BE WORKING ON. HE GAVE US THE IMPRESSION OF SYMPATHY FOR OUR  
POSITION THAT THE GOVERNING COUNCIL SHOULD NOT BE DOMINATED BY  
ANY ONE GROUP BUT RATHER THAT THE NEUTRAL CHAIRMAN SHOULD HAVE  
A CASTING VOTE.

2. I DOUBT THAT MUCH WILL COME OUT OF CHONA'S SYMPATHY FOR  
OUR POSITION AT THIS STAGE. BELIEVE IT IS ENOUGH TO KEEP HIM  
AND THE PRESIDENT INFORMED AND INVOLVED. WE WILL NEED MORE  
HELP FROM THEM LATER.

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